

**KELSO CITY COUNCIL**  
**7:00 P.M.**

**APRIL 6, 2004**  
**REGULAR MEETING**

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Pastor Roger Schear of Central Christian Church gave the invocation. Mayor Gregory led the flag salute. Mayor Gregory called the Regular Meeting of the Kelso City Council to order. Councilmembers in attendance were: Keolker, Chester, Slater, Johnson, Gregory. Councilmembers McDaniel and Wheeler were absent.

**Minutes:** Upon Motion by Councilmember Chester and seconded by Councilmember Johnson, 'Approve the minutes of the 3/16/04 Regular Meeting,' motion carried, all voting yes.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**Fireworks Permits:** 1) Kelso Eagles, 2) Kelso Recreation Council, 3) Kelso Kiwanis Club

**Reschedule Public Hearing 2004 Home Allocations:** Reschedule to April 20, 2004

**Reschedule Public Hearing 2004-2008 Draft Consolidated Plan for the HOME Program:** Reschedule to April 20, 2004

Upon Motion by Councilmember Slater and seconded by Councilmember Keolker, 'Approve the Consent Agenda,' motion carried, all voting yes.

**MOTION ITEMS:**

**Accept Closeout of Water Plant Pump Station Project with Hinton Industrial**

**Contractors:** Upon Motion by Councilmember Keolker and seconded by Councilmember Slater, 'Close out the contract awarded to Hinton Industrial Contractors for the construction of the Finished Water Pump Station,' motion carried, all voting yes.

**Approval of Catlin Sewer Pump Station Floodwall Project:** Upon Motion by Councilmember Johnson and seconded by Councilmember Keolker, 'Award contract to Five Rivers Construction in the amount of \$47,267.03.' Further discussion followed. Motion carried, all voting yes.

**Authorize Addition of Two Engineering Positions:** Upon Motion by Councilmember Slater and seconded by Councilmember Keolker, 'Authorize Addition of Two Engineering Positions: Civil Engineer and Survey Technician.' Further discussion followed. Motion carried, all voting yes.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

The Council convened into Executive Session at 7:13 p.m. to discuss a jail services contract agreement and Police negotiations. At 7:32 p.m. the Council reconvened into Regular Session.

**MOTION ITEMS:**

**Approval of Second Amendment to Jail Services Agreement:** Upon Motion by Councilmember Johnson and seconded by Councilmember Keolker, 'Approve second amendment to Jail Services Agreement,' motion carried, all voting yes.

**Reject the bid with Lakeside for the 2004 Overlay Project:** Upon Motion by Councilmember Johnson and seconded by Councilmember Keolker, 'Reject the bid with Lakeside for the 2004 Overlay Project.' David Sypher, Public Works Director, explained why it is recommended the Lakeside bid should be rejected. Further discussion followed. Motion carried, Councilmembers Johnson, Chester, Keolker, and Gregory voting yes; Councilmember Slater voting no (passed 4-1).

**STAFF REPORTS:**

**Hope Koistinen:** Thanks to Betty Erickson, anyone having a current library card can access magazines and newspapers online through the City website.

**Wayne Nelson:** 1) Dan Hiebert and Joy Hiebert have been positively identified as the victims who died in the fire on Kelso Drive. 2) Due to a recent traffic stop, it was discovered the car was stolen and the occupants were involved in an identity theft operation. 3) Three Kelso Police Officers will be recognized for their handling of an emotionally disturbed individual. 4) We are currently doing some unarmed defensive tactics training. 5) This afternoon a suspect armed with a shovel hijacked a vehicle in Longview. A Kelso Public Works employee spotted the vehicle and tailed it while calling 911. 6) Ralph Hines will graduate from the Academy Tuesday. 7) Today I represented Cowlitz County Law Enforcement on a community mental health forum. 8) Our region has received around \$500,000 from the State of Washington to be used for anti-terrorism purposes.

**David Sypher:** No report

**Kent Anderson:** 1) The Strand Hotel demolition is underway. 2) Several burned-out houses have been demolished. 3) We have initiated some address changes due to some mistakes made in the past. We have named one street that had no name and have made name changes to four streets.

**Cindy Keeney:** No report

**MANAGER'S REPORT:**

**Doug Robinson:** 1) Applications for the Civil Service Commission Board are still being accepted. 2) The Retreat will be Saturday, April 17, at 9:00 a.m. at the Cowlitz 2 Station. 3) At our next meeting, a representative from the hospital will speak about the proposed

ambulatory surgical center. 4) The Stan Rister Stadium project is moving slowly. The foundation just received a \$25,000 grant from I. A. C. for lighting at the stadium.

**COUNCIL REPORTS:**

**Kathleen Johnson:** I am glad we will have a representative coming from the proposed ambulatory surgical center. The information will open up discussion.

**Jack Keolker:** Two new businesses have opened: The Alaskan Bar-N-Grill and the Hilander Family Entertainment Center.

**Mark Chester:** No Report

**Alan Slater:** 1) I am hoping to attend the Cascadia Mayor's Conference in Eugene. 2) The superintendent of the Cowlitz Sewer Operating Board is retiring in October and we are in process of looking for his replacement. 3) The 911 Board might want to consider moving the 911 Center to the Juvenile Hall.

**Don Gregory:** Cricket Botero passed away. She did a huge amount of volunteer work in Longview and Kelso, particularly in the area of battered women.

Upon Motion by Councilmember Slater and seconded by Councilmember Johnson, 'Move to Adjourn,' motion carried, all voting yes. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

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**MAYOR**

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**DEPUTY CITY CLERK**